

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held in the Town Hall, Godmanchester, on the 20th February, 1986.

Present: Councillor B.P. Doherty (Town Mayor);  
Councillors Mrs. E.C. Conway, Mrs. J.B. Doherty, Mrs. V. Harris, M.J. Hopkinson, J.H. Lewis, W.R. Looker, L. Miller, and A.E. Sursham.

Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillors R.T.D. Hughes, Mrs. M.L. Middlemiss, C.W. Parcell and Mrs. P. Tenten.

#### Town Mayor's Announcements

The Town Mayor announced that so far this year he and the Mayoress had attended two functions at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

#### 85/107 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January, 1986 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor subject to:  
(i) in Minute 85/97 - the insertion of the word "Club" after the word "Godspa" in line 3 of paragraph 2;

(ii) in Minute 85/102 - a reference also to the possible provision of a bus shelter to be read with the Minute:

(iii) in Minute 85/98 - insert the word "Deputy" before the word "Town" in line 1 of 85/98(a).

Generally; it being noted that Councillor Mrs. Conway had left the meeting at about the point when the subject of Minute 85/102 was under consideration.

Arising therefrom, it was agreed and/or noted:

that information on the Jubilee Hut would be presented by Councillor Hughes in due course;  
that every appropriate opportunity should be taken to identify and publicise the person or persons responsible for the littered and unkempt state of the former school site off London Road;  
that the figures quoted for work on the Queen Elizabeth School (and the public conveniences) excluded professional fees;  
that a professional opinion on the Willow trees in the recreation ground should be obtained - and that it be emphasised that the Water Authority did not need nor want all the trees removed;  
that Councillor B.P. Doherty would represent the Town Council on the School Floodlit Hardstanding Management Committee; and  
that the Civic Dinner would be at the Black Bull Hotel on the 19th April, 1986 (cost £8 to £9 per cover).

#### 85/108 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Resolved.- that the Director of Planning be informed that the Town Council recommend as follows in respect of the following applications:-

(a) Brick wall and gate, 12 Post Street - REFUSAL  
The proposal is out of place in the Conservation Area and would affect detrimentally the adjacent property by hiding part of the 17th Century building visible from Post Street; furthermore, the proposal would conflict with the general street scene which includes a valuable aspect of an Elizabethan timber framed wall. (Councillor Lewis did not vote on the foregoing application).

(b) Increase height of rear boundary wall, 1 - 3 The Maltings - APPROVAL

- (c) Partial demolition of brickwork, rebuild Chinese Chippendale Bridge from Island Hill to the Island - APPROVAL
- (c) Extension, 6 Granary Close - APPROVAL
- (d) Change of use to Doctor's surgery, 19 St. Anne's Lane - APPROVAL
- (e) Dwelling, garage and access, adj. Porch Farm - APPROVAL
- (f) Dwelling and access, 32 Pipers Lane - REFUSAL  
the ground floor fenestration is out of proportion with first windows and an improvement should be negotiated: furthermore, roofing to the bays should be in slate to match other roofing material in the vicinity.
- (g) Rear elevation of semi-detached units, land off Earning Street.  
AMENDMENT NOTED.  
(Councillors B.P. and J.B. Doherty declared interests in applications (f) and (g) above and left the room during their determination. Councillor Hopkinson was appointed as Chairman for the time being).

85/109 ACCOUNTS

Resolved.- that the following payments be approved.-

J.A. Davie	£122.	41
Inland Revenue	43.	50
Petty cash	30.	00

85/110 HUNTINGDON AREA LOCAL PLAN (DRAFT): LOCAL INQUIRY

Details of the Huntingdon Area Local Plan (draft) Public Inquiry were noted and it was

Resolved.- that the Town Clerk represent the Town Council in the matters to which formal objections had been made.

85/111 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Councillor Hopkinson reported on behalf of the Working Party -  
i) that although no letter of intent had been sent by the Architect, the Contractor had agreed a verbal understanding of the situation. Meetings had taken place between the three parties and the District Council had wanted to be satisfied as to cost/value of the new public conveniences. The HDC Quantity Surveyor had completed a justification exercise and in the light of his findings variations in respective financial responsibilities had been agreed to the effect that the District Council would meet £39,244 for the public conveniences.  
ii) Further consideration had been given to the timing of contract work, of which some should take place this year - to which extent the District Council would be prepared to make an advance payment of up to £20,000.

Thereupon, it was

Resolved.- that the increase of the base budget for work on the Queen Elizabeth School to £72,000 be approved.

85/112 GODSPA

Information was given by Councillor Hopkinson which revealed and/or confirmed -

that a meeting had been held with the Chairman of Godspa and that a meeting with members of Godspa was to be arranged; that if a transfer of trusteeship took place it would be necessary to ascertain whether or not Godspa would remain a charity. On other relevant matters (in which Councillor Looker confirmed that a new lease of 99 years had been offered and that his personal loan would be ~~extended~~ for a further three years) it was learned that the loan by the Brewery was capable of being transferred to the Town Council although its extension for a new five year term would need to be confirmed.

Together with the foregoing information, note was also taken of details contained in a letter from Hunnybuns in which it was shown that all the legal costs of effecting a transfer of trusteeship would need to be borne by the Town Council. The Town Council noted all these aspects which, it was agreed, would need to be ventilated when the subject came under discussion at the Annual Town Meeting on the 10th April, 1986.

85/113 COMMUNITY SCHOOL

The Town Council learned that although a meeting of the Management Committee for the Floodlit Hardstand was to be held on Monday the 24th February, 1986 ( Councillor B.P. Doherty would represent the Town Council), no progress on the designation of a community school could be reported.

85/114 SCHOOL HILL

With the aid of a drawing, Councillor Hopkinson demonstrated the various ownerships of School Hill and indicated that it was important for the site of the new conveniences to be transferred to the District Council. However, having regard to the long term plan for environmental improvements to School Hill, the Town Council

Resolved.- that the Town Clerk inform the District Council of the Town Council's willingness to transfer their total interest in School Hill; and that the Queen Elizabeth School Working Party be authorised to deal further with the matter

85/115 QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL CARETAKER.

The Town Clerk sought the instructions of the Town Council on the immediate future of the caretaker, having regard to the inability to use the School for the foreseeable future. Notwithstanding the limited extent to which the caretaker was likely to be employed, it was

Resolved.- that the services of the Queen Elizabeth School caretaker be retained at the current remuneration of £7 p.w.

85/116 LIFE BELTS

The Town Clerk reported that the last of the stock of lifebelts had been used and that he had obtained a quotation of £37.50 per belt less 10% plus VAT from a local supplier. The Town Council regretted the vandalism that had brought about the need to re-stock and

Resolved.- that six lifebelts be ordered through Buckden Marina.

85/117 HUNTINGDONSHIRE ENTERPRISE AGENCY

The Town Council were acquainted with details supplied by the Director and Consultant of the Enterprise Agency in a letter and noted that 18 applicants from Godmanchester had been assisted.

Whereupon, it was

Resolved.- that a grant of £50 be made to the Huntingdonshire Enterprise Agency.

85/118 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Resolved.- that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Act the public and the press be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the remaining business.

85/119 REVIEW OF SALARY: TOWN CLERK

As a result of action taken at the last meeting in the context of confirming the Minutes of the meeting held in December, 1985, the Town Clerk submitted details on which the biennial review of salary could be based. He indicated that, notwithstanding the figures revealed by the formula of 53% of population or penny rate value - whichever is the lower - it was appropriate for the figure to be not more than £1,932 per annum. Information was also given with respect to the value of office facilities made available at his private address. Whereupon, it was

Resolved.- that with effect from the 1st April, 1986, the Town Clerk's salary be at the rate of £1,932 per annum; and that the payment for office facilities be increased by £36 per annum.



Town Mayor